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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, WA, SF

SUBJECT: REPORTED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION IN NAMIBIA

1. SENATOR DICK CLARK HAS BROUGHT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION A CONSTITUENT'S LETTER WHICH ENCLOSED A SEPTEMBER 11 LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER VORSTER FROM PASTOR ABISAI SHEJAVALI, A PHD STUDENT AT THE WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, DUBUQUE, IOWA. SHEJAVALI STATES IN HIS LETTER THAT ON AUGUST 28, 1975 WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS RAPED AND BEAT HIS 60 YEAR OLD FOSTER MOTHER, MRS. RAKEL NAILENGE AND BEAT HIS 88 YEAR OLD FOSTER FATHER, PAULUS NAILENGE, A RETIRED LUTHERAN PASTOR AT THEIR HOME IN ONGENGA, OVAMBOLAND.

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AFTER THE ASSAULT PASTOR AND MRS. NAILENGE WERE TAKEN TO

ONANDJOKWE HOSPITAL. SHEJAVA LI URGES VORSTER TO TAKE ACTION  
TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE TREATMENT FOR HIS FOSTER PARENTS AND  
TO INSURE THAT THE INCIDENT IS FULLY INVESTIGATED AND  
DEALT WITH.

2. SENATOR CLARK SUGGESTS THAT THE AMBASSADOR BRING THIS  
MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SAG INFORMING THEM THAT  
AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE BECOME AWARE OF THIS INCIDENT AND  
ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS AMBASSADOR  
RAISE THIS MATTER WITH DFA POINTING OUT CONGRESSIONAL AND

PUBLIC CONCERN AND REQUESTING VERIFICATION OF INCIDENT.  
IF INCIDENT IS CONFIRMED BY SAG, AMBASSADOR SHOULD EXPRESS  
DEEP CONCERN OF USG AND URGE THAT GUILTY PARTIES BE  
LOCATED AND PROPERLY PUNISHED.

3. AMBASSADOR SHOULD TAKE OCCASION OF APPROACH TO REMIND  
DFA AGAIN OF ITS PROMISE TO PROVIDE PARTICULARS ON  
NAMIBIAN DETAINEES (PRETORIA 3339). DEPARTMENT IS RECEIV-  
ING A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC  
CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE DETENTION OF LUTHERAN  
PASTORS AND LAYMEN IN NAMIBIA. KISSINGER

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